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INVENTORY AND)	Attorney Docket No. 0771CG.035249
DISPENSATION COMPUTER)	
SYSTEM AND METHODS)	

RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY
DATED OCTOBER 22, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary dated October 22, 2009, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

On an initial note, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during a telephonic interview with the Examiner on October 15, 2009. During the interview, the elements of Claim 1 were primarily discussed in view of the cited references. Applicants' representative also pointed out that neither of the cited patent documents, alone nor in combination, teach computerized systems, program storage devices, or methods that provide a multistage electronic consumption documentation process that includes documenting receipt and actual verified consumption of a prescribed medication; and/or that include updating an electronic medical record and/or generating reports based upon whether the medication was consumed to thereby enhance/optimize a pharmacy management system for inmates. Claim 16 was also briefly reviewed. The Examiner indicated he may institute a restriction requirement directed to Independent Claims 16 and/or 34, and that he would plan to contact the Applicants' representative by telephone if such need arose.

Applicants submit that these remarks herein are made without prejudice as to patentability, including the doctrine of equivalents.

Respectfully submitted,

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